



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Washington, D.C. 20535

October 30, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD, JR.

[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No. 1225195-000  
Subject: MCDONALD, JAMES EDWARD

Dear Mr. Greenwald, Jr:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 107 pages of previously-processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge and as such your request for a fee waiver is unnecessary.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Hardy".

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

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# Memorandum

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-NEW)

DATE: 3/24/69

FROM: SAG, NEW YORK (105- NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: J. E. MC DONALD  
IS-R (u)  
(OO: PHOENIX)

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(u) For information of Phoenix, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. furnished information on 2/25/69, concerning information [redacted]

[redacted] He has been identified as affiliated with the KGB ( Committee for State Security). Among the information furnished by [redacted] was the following: (S)

A letter dated [redacted] from [redacted] UN, NY, to Professor J. E. MC DONALD, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. This letter reads: (S)

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NYC indices contain no information identifiable with Professor J. E. MC DONALD.

Phoenix is requested to initiate investigation regarding Professor J. E. MC DONALD, who is reportedly in contact with, or of interest to,

This investigation should be handled in accordance with provisions relating to investigation of individuals in contact with Soviet officials as contained in Section 105K, M of I. When this investigation is completed, Phoenix should give consideration to requesting Bureau authority for an interview of MC DONALD to determine the extent of MC DONALD's contacts with

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/26/69

FROM : *JSA* SAC, PHOENIX (100-6252) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, aka *9/21/69*

J. E. MC DONALD

IS-R (S) *IS-R*

OO: Phoenix

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DATE: *9/21/69 SP704/PS*

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The title of this communication is marked CHANGED  
to add the full name of the subject as shown in University of  
Arizona (UA) records.

Re New York let to Bureau, 3/24/69, entitled, "J. E.  
MC DONALD; IS-R." *IS-R*  
Report of SA JOHN M. ALBERT dated 5/19/69, at  
Phoenix entitled *IS-R*

(Phoenix file 100-6251).

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) entitled, "PROFESSOR JAMES  
EDWARD MC DONALD, Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric  
Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona."

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the above  
LHM and one copy of above referenced report on the *IS-R*

Informants

PX T-1 is *IS-R*

PX T-2 is *IS-R*

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contacted by SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR.

The LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, as disclosure of information therein from the above live informants could reasonably result in their identification, thereby jeopardizing their future effectiveness.

As set out in the LHM, the subject is a prominent Atmospheric Physicist and is becoming well known publicly for his belief that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are extraterrestrial and are real. The letter from [REDACTED] to the subject [REDACTED] as set out in re New York letter, refers

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It appears that Professor MC DONALD's letter to (contents of which are not known) might have been in itself an innocuous, sincere contact on the part of Professor MC DONALD; however, in view of his background and long-time leadership in "New Left" activities in the Tucson area, [it is quite probable that Professor MC DONALD would be highly susceptible to an approach made by a Soviet intelligence, particularly concerning a research done in his field, of Atmospheric Physics.] At this point it is not known whether Professor MC DONALD would be at all cooperative in an interview.

Professor MC DONALD's [redacted] for some  
years has been [redacted] (Phoenix file 161-  
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completely cooperative and reliable in any authorized interview concerning this matter. Therefore, Bureau authority is requested for an interview with [redacted] along the following lines:

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1. Information concerning Professor MC DONALD's "Plea for International Scientific Study of the Problem of the UFO," and Professor MC DONALD's activities regarding this. (S)(u)

2. His knowledge of any contact Professor MC DONALD has had with foreign agencies in his UFO studies, particularly [redacted] Soviet bloc countries. (S)

3. His evaluation of Professor MC DONALD so far as his loyalty is concerned and his opinion as to whether Professor MC DONALD would be amenable to interview.

(U) On 5/20/69, [redacted]

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[redacted] interviewed by SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR., concerning [redacted] various SDS members at the [redacted] VA, including [redacted] [redacted] commented that he recently received information that Professor JAMES E. MC DONALD is "disenchanted" with [redacted] [redacted] constant "New Left" activities and they plan to separate. He further said he has heard that [redacted]

This information has not yet been confirmed through other sources; however, if true, it should have some bearing on MC DONALD's cooperation in any interview.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona  
May 26, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
Senior Physicist,  
Institute of Atmospheric Physics  
University of Arizona (UA)  
Tucson, Arizona.

The current Student and Faculty Directory for the University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, for the 1968-1969 academic year, lists "James E. Mc Donald, Ph.D., Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics and Professor, Meteorology Department, residence, 3461 East Third Street, Tucson."

On April 11, 1969, [redacted]  
[redacted] UA, Tucson, made available records which show the following:

James Edward Mc Donald was employed at the University, April 1, 1954, as Associate Director, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Associate Professor of Physics. On July 1, 1956, his title was changed to Scientific Director, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Associate Professor of Physics. On July 1, 1957, his title was changed to Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics; Professor of Meteorology; these are the positions he now holds.

The records show he was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota. He attended the University of Omaha from 1938 to 1942, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1943 to 1945, receiving

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a Master of Science degree in 1945. He attended Iowa State from 1946 to 1951, receiving his doctorate in 1951.

The records show that he was on Sabbatical Leave from July 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963. In his application for this leave, dated April 12, 1963, he said, "I will continue working on research and affairs of Naval Research Contract # NR-082-164." He stated his main reason in applying for Sabbatical Leave was to write up already completed research for publication.

His salary as of May 18, 1969, was \$21,000 per year.

The records show that he currently resides at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, with his [redacted]

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PX T-1 (5/20/69).

The SDS is characterized in the appendix.

Concerning the PFA, the March 16, 1968 edition of "The Tucson Daily Citizen," a daily newspaper published at Tucson, Arizona, carried an article which stated in part, as follows:

"The formation of Peace and Freedom Associations, a coalition of local groups dedicated to end the war in Vietnam and to ending racial injustice at home, was announced today. The center will serve as a communications interchange between local and national peace groups and will be the focal point of local efforts

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against the Vietnam War." A list of member organizations set out in the article included the SDS, above.

On October 18, 1968, [redacted] at a meeting of the PFA in Tucson, reported to the group on her recent attendance at a convention of the SDS at Boulder, Colorado.

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PX T-1 (10/18/68).

A bulletin put out by the Tucson Peace Center (TPC) and received through the mail, February 7, 1968, advertised the fact that on February 8, 1968, there would be a public meeting, where Dr. James E. Mc Donald would speak on the subject of napalm. The bulletin described Mc Donald as "Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona and Consultant to the Peace Center."

PX T-2 (2/12/68).

On February 18, 1969, PX T-1 advised that an accurate summary of the aims and purposes of the TPC was set out in a mimeograph letter dated October 22, 1968, from the TPC President and sent to all persons on the TPC mailing list. This letter stated in part, "The Tucson Peace Center serves as a clearing house for information on peace activities and programs in the Tucson area." The source said the TPC has never at any time advocated the use of violence in demonstrations or protests.

On May 20, 1969, PX T-1 advised that although Professor James E. Mc Donald possibly condones [redacted] activities in the various "New Left" groups in the Tucson area, he very seldom accompanies her in any of these activities and has taken very little part in such activities.

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The July 27, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," a newspaper published daily at Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article:

## UA Physicist To Spur Scientific UFO Probe

Will Appear Before House Committee

By JUDY DONOVAN

A University of Arizona physicist will attempt to spur on extensive scientific investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects when he appears Monday before a congressional hearing in Washington, D. C.

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the university's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said a thorough investigation of UFOs is long overdue. Twenty years have passed since the objects first attracted public attention, he said, and officialdom is still taking a "ho-hum" attitude toward the matter.

"UFOs constitute an extraordinarily important scientific problem, the greatest of these times, and it has been shoved under the rug," he remarked.

The UA physicist who is ap-



DR. JAMES McDONALD

pearing with five other scientists from around the United States, will present testimony before the U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives Committee on Science and Astronautics. McDonald said Rep. Morris K. Udall was highly instrumental in efforts to arrange for the special Unidentified Flying Objects Symposium.

McDonald is organizing the bulk of his presentation around a set of typical questions people ask about UFOs, such as, "Why they aren't picked up on radar?", and "Why they don't contact us?"

He will include examples of what he termed "scientifically ludicrous explanations" that hinge on some scientists' meteorological and atmospheric physical weather explanations for UFOs.

"I particularly take issue with Dr. Donald H. Menzel, former director of Harvard Observatory, who has written two books on UFOs and mainly explains them away as meteorological phenomena. Another work that can't be taken seriously is a recent book by Philip Klass, senior editor of Aviation Week Magazine, which purports that UFOs are meteorologically generated plasmas of the ball lightning type."

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The April 6, 1969, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," carried the following article:

## UA Prof Will Challenge Condon Report On UFO's

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The Condon report on unidentified flying objects will be challenged before the Vandenberg Chapter, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, by Dr. James E. McDonald when he speaks at Vandenberg Air Force Base Friday.

The senior physicist of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics will speak on "UFO's and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View." As a dissenter, Dr. McDonald expects to stress the fact that the Condon report cov-

ers only a "minute fraction" of the significant cases available for study.

From his studies of several years Dr. McDonald believes that UFO's are probably extraterrestrial and are real.

His talk at the air force base in California will be the first in a series of 15 lectures he will give in the next 12 months to members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Iowa, Washington, D.C.; Missouri, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Party (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students.

Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticomunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONPhoenix, Arizona  
May 26, 1969In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. .

Title                    PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
                         Senior Physicist,  
                         Institute of Atmospheric Physics  
                         University of Arizona  
                         Tucson, Arizona

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Reference Letterhead memorandum, dated and  
captioned as above at Phoenix,  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS/pmk*

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 20, 1969

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1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan  
1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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Submitted to obtain authority to interview  
both professors, University of Arizona (UA).

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Source furnished letter written by Committee for  
State Security officer

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to subject requesting information  
on thermodynamic properties of the earth's atmosphere from  
10 to 100 kilometers. Subject, born 5-7-20, is senior physicist,  
authority on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). Applicant-  
type investigation of subject in 1962, favorable re loyalty,  
character, and reputation. Subject's wife is active in  
Students for a Democratic Society and peace movement. Subject  
is disenchanted with "New Left" activities and  
separation planned

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Department of Meteorology, UA, is friendly to Bureau and believed he  
will be completely cooperative. is subject recent  
applicant-type investigation, results completely favorable.  
interviewed in 1962 investigation of subject, advised  
subject and are not pacifists, but interested in peace.  
recommended subject for position of trust and confidence.

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Phoenix desires interview concerning  
subject's UFO studies, knowledge of contacts with foreign  
governments, particularly Soviet-bloc countries, current  
evaluation of subject, and opinion whether subject amenable  
to interview. No reason to anticipate embarrassment. We  
should authorize investigation of subject and interview of  
since we know is using position to obtain  
scientific information.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan,  
RE: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD McDONALD  
105-191677

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RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is letter to Phoenix in accordance with above instructing interview be conducted away from campus, UA, and explain not interested in legitimate educational functions.

*Frank Wm. McDonald*

*DHS*

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SAC, Phoenix (100-6252)

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Director, FBI (105-191677)-2

PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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In accordance with your request authority is granted to interview [redacted]. Explain to [redacted] that we are not interested in legitimate educational contacts and functions. Interview of [redacted] should be conducted away from the campus of the University of Arizona. Furnish results in form for dissemination.

Attention is called to the fact that [redacted] was interviewed 2/20/62 concerning the subject as set out in your file 161-107 on the subject.

If you determine it is desirable to request authority to interview subject, submit request on FD-379 in accordance with page 29, Section 105K, Manual of Instructions.

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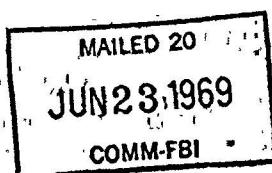
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ON 4/13/99  
Appeal # 98-2129

Based on memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 6/20/69, prepared by LML:mst/SC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-191677) DATE: 9/17/69

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-6252) (C)

SUBJECT: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, aka

J. E. McDonald

(IS-R) (u)

OO: Phoenix

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Re Phoenix letter with its LHM, 5/26/69, entitled,  
"PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, aka J. E. McDonald" and  
Bulet to Phoenix, 6/23/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies  
of an LHM entitled, "PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, SENIOR  
PHYSICIST, INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF  
ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA"; two copies of the LHM are  
enclosed for New York for information.

Agent who interviewed [redacted]  
is SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR.

The LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ as this  
inquiry was based on information obtained from an extremely  
sensitive source of the NYO.

As set out in the LHM, [redacted]

[redacted] said he has no doubt whatever of the subject's  
loyalty to this country. He said he feels certain the  
subject's contact with the Soviet representative at the  
UN Secretariat in mid-1968 in connection with the subject's  
"UFO" studies, was completely innocuous and he does not believe  
that MCDONALD would be receptive to any approach by the Soviets  
or any other country to act in any capacity against the best  
interests of the United States. He said Professor MCDONALD  
has mentioned no further correspondence with the above Soviet  
representative other than the initial reply to MCDONALD's  
original inquiry. MCDONALD uses the same secretary as does [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] and she has made no mention of any such further correspondence between MCDONALD and the Soviet representative.

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[redacted] said he would be alert for any indication of such continued contacts and he would contact the Tucson Resident Agency of the FBI, should he develop any such information.

[redacted] is considered completely reliable and he assured interviewing agent that he would keep this matter in complete confidence.

At this point it does not appear that an interview of Professor MCDONALD would be productive and could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Although Professor MCDONALD might not object to such an interview it is almost certain that [redacted] (SI subject of the Phoenix Office), would attempt to publicly denounce the Bureau for such an interview. For this reason a request for authority to interview the subject is not being made at this time.

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(U) If New York develops further information concerning this matter from [redacted] or other sources, such information should be furnished to Phoenix.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona  
September 17, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD  
SENIOR PHYSICIST  
INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

DECLASSIFIED BY SP2ACh/hip  
ON 10-29-97  
# 389,961

On September 15, 1969

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University of Arizona (UA),  
Tucson, Arizona furnished the following information to a  
Special Agent of the FBI:

Professor James Edward McDonald, Ph.D., is currently employed as senior physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, at the UA. He has been employed at the UA since 1954 and [redacted] has been closely associated with him both professionally and socially since 1946 when both were students at Iowa State University, Iowa.

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[redacted] said he considers Professor McDonald a sincere, conscientious and dedicated scientist who is very outspoken in both his scientific and political views. [redacted] who described himself as a political conservative, said his own political views are quite opposite those of Professor McDonald and although he sees the McDonald family quite frequently socially, they seldom discuss political matters because of this divergence of views. He said he has no doubt whatsoever that Professor McDonald is completely loyal to the United States.

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[redacted] said Professor McDonald for the past several years has been obsessed with the idea that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are probably extraterrestrial and are real. He has lectured before various groups throughout the country during the past year on the subject of UFOs and has publicly challenged reports by the U. S. Air Force and other

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RE: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

agencies who discount the possibility that UFOs are real and from outer space.

In mid-1968, as part of his research into the question of UFOs, Professor McDonald wrote to a number of representatives of various countries soliciting information concerning sightings of UFOs in these countries. He entitled this project, "A Plea for International Scientific Study of the Problem of the UFO." The principal reason for this effort was to obtain reports of UFO sightings from more or less underdeveloped areas of the world where people reporting these sightings would not have been previously exposed to publicity about UFOs. [redacted]

[redacted] said Professor McDonald contacted representatives of several agencies at the United Nations in New York, including the Soviet representative of the Outer Space Affairs Group, United Nations Secretariat. [redacted] does not know the name of this individual. He said Professor McDonald mentioned receiving a reply from this Soviet representative but he does not recall whether Professor McDonald ever mentioned any further contacts with that individual. [redacted] said he believes that if there had been further contacts between Professor McDonald and the above Soviet representative, that he, Professor McDonald, probably would have mentioned this fact.

[redacted] said his department at the UA is not engaged in any classified research projects and Professor McDonald at the present time does not have access to any classified research material.

[redacted] reiterated that he has never had any reason whatever to question Professor McDonald's complete loyalty to the United States.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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March 18, 1971

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request  
concerning [redacted] and some other individuals.

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ON 10-31-00 # 387,961

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Attached are separate memoranda concerning the  
following individuals:

[redacted]

Dr. James Edward McDonald

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This letter of transmittal may be declassified when  
the enclosures bearing a classification are removed.

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Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (7)

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March 18, 1971

DR. JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD *Sullivan*

Dr. James Edward McDonald, who you advised was born May 7, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota, and who resides at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, Arizona, was the subject of favorable applicant-type investigations in 1949 and 1962. A summary of these investigations dated March 12, 1962, is attached. (161-1891)

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He was also the subject of a security-type investigation in 1969, concerning his contact with [redacted]

Our investigation indicated Dr. McDonald's contact was in connection with his study of unidentified flying objects and his attempts to obtain information from sparsely populated parts of the world. No evidence of subversive activities on his part was determined. (105-191677)

Our files indicate that [redacted] of captioned individual, [redacted]

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As of late 1970.

In October, 1968, [redacted] reportedly attended the SDS National Convention in Boulder, Colorado, and was overheard telling a group in Tucson upon her return that she favored violence, if necessary, to achieve the goals of the SDS. (100-453871)

A confidential source in a position to know advised in mid-1969 he had recently received information that Professor James Edward McDonald was disenchanted with [redacted] constant New Left activities and that they planned to separate. The source also said he has heard [redacted] (105-191677)

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Dr. James Edward McDonald

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NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President. This memo classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ in as much as it contains information previously so classified

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

February 13, 1962

Date

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Orrin H. Bartlett, FBI  
FROM Dr. James B. Hartgering Technical Assistant  
SUBJECT TRANSMITTAL SF 86 FOR James E. McDonald  
Name

5/7/20  
Date of Birth

The subject forms are forwarded for the purpose of obtaining a White House clearance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Encl:  
As above

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16. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930) (Exclusive of military service)			
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DATE LEFT USA</u>	<u>DATE RETURNED USA</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
England	Ca. Jan. 1, 1956	Ca. Jan. 15, 1956	Scientific Conference
Australia	Ca. Sept. 14, 1961	Ca. Sept. 22, 1961	Scientific Conference

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

NO

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

NO

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

19. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 17 OR 18 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP, IN QUESTION 23 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME ADDRESS FROM TO OFFICE HELD

20 MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>
Amer. Veterans Comm.	?	Veterans	1946	Present	none
Amer. Civil Liberties Union			1956	Present	none
Various scientific societies					

21. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

14 EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND NAME OF SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
1954	Present	Univ. of Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Teaching & Research	
1953	1954	Univ. of Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	Research	New job
1946	1953	Iowa State Univ.	Ames, Iowa	Teaching & Research	New job
1942	1945	U. S. Navy			
1938	1941	Univ. of Omaha	Omaha, Neb.	Student Asst.	Join Navy
1938	1941	The Harding Co.	Omaha, Neb.	Summer Jobs	

15. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE? (Do not include anything that happened before your sixteenth birthday. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$25 or less was imposed. All other charges must be included even if they were dismissed.)

NO

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

REASON CHARGED OR HELD

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PLACE WHERE CHARGED OR HELD AND  
NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

DISPOSITION

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NS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more needed for any item, continue under item 23.

1. NAME <small>(Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMNY)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"</small>	(LAST NAME) McDonald	(FIRST NAME) James	(MIDDLE NAME) Edward	2. DATE OF BIRTH May 7, 1920
	OTHER NAMES USED (Maiden name, names by former marriage, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used)			3. PLACE OF BIRTH Duluth, Minnesota
	None			4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
				5. HEIGHT 6' WEIGHT 175 COLOR EYES Hazel COLOR HAIR Brown

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE, AND DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages.)		
	Wife - Married Feb. 10, 1945 - Manchester, New Hampshire		

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with b7C at and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 23 on other side if necessary.)

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5/54	Present	3461 East 3rd St.	Tucson	Arizona
4/53	4/54	5718 So. Laflin	Chicago	Illinois
6/51	4/53	225 So. Hazel	Ames	Iowa
1/46	6/51	117 Pammel Court	Ames	Iowa
1/42	12/45	U. S. Navy		
1/37	1/42	2122 So. 35th	Omaha	Nebraska

9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
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	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).		
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)					
NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES	
Central High	Omaha, Neb.	1934	-	1938	—
Univ. of Omaha	Omaha, Neb.	1938	-	1942	B.A.
M.I.T.	Cambridge, Mass.	1943	-	1945	M.S.
Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	1946	-	1951	Ph.D.

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE (See also item 24.)	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 507-10-3639		
13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)			
SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
270531	Navy	1942	1945

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## 22. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you.)

## NAME

## ADDRESS

## YEARS KNOWN


Tucson, Arizona  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Omaha, Nebraska

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## 23. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

## 24. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

## CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form  
is punishable by law.Feb 9, 1962 James Edward McDonald  
(DATE) (SIGNATURE—Sign original and 1st carbon copy)

## INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 12 for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit two carbon copies of this form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Investigations Division, Bureau of Departmental Operations, Washington 25, D. C. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Security Investigations Section; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Unit.

RETAIN THE ORIGINAL COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
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AGENCY

DUTY STATION

SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:

POSITION

OFFICIAL  
U.S. GOVERNMENT

2-19-62

Airtel

To: SACs, Omaha  
Washington Field  
Boston

From: Director, FBI

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
SPI  
BUDED: 3-1-62

Re Bureau airtel 2-15-62. Omaha see your file  
116-8775, Washington Field file 116-39001, Boston file  
116-12611 captioned "James Edward McDonald - CH, AEAA."

All offices bring previous investigation up to date.  
Insure complete adult life is accounted for.

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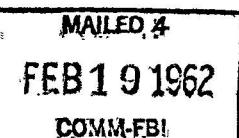
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To: SACs, Phoenix Enc.  
Chicago Enc.  
Omaha Enc.  
Washington Field Enc. (5)  
Boston Enc.  
Kansas City Enc.

From: Director, FBI

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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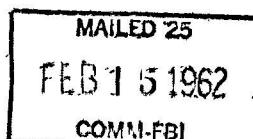
White House has requested investigation of McDonald who is being considered for White House clearance. Born 5/7/20 Duluth, Minnesota, and resides Tucson, Arizona. Background data is attached.

Conduct thorough investigation covering entire adult life including periods of unemployment. Complete names and current addresses of all immediate relatives must be ascertained by active investigation and appropriate checks made concerning each. Assign immediately, afford continuous attention, set out all leads by airtel and surep to reach Bureau by 3/1/62.

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NOTE: Request received 2/15/62 by letter dated 2/13/62 from the White House.

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (161-101)  
RE : JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
SFI

DATED: 3/1/62

Re Bureau airtel to Phoenix, 2/15/62.

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MC DONALD on PMO lists as reference [redacted]  
Tucson, Arizona, [redacted]  
at the University of Arizona. [redacted] on trip of indeterminate  
length and can be reached c/o [redacted]

[redacted] Code 502, U. S. Naval  
Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California. Los Angeles  
interview immediately.

For Los Angeles information, applicant, Dr. JAMES  
MC DONALD has been involved in much publicized controversy  
with USAF of proper location of missile sites near Tucson.

[redacted] to some extent, assisted Dr. MC DONALD in  
controversy. [redacted] name also mentioned in connection with  
Arizona Civil Liberties Union. He also sent a petition to  
President KENNEDY protesting state department's policy of  
hostility towards Cuba and requested restoration of normal  
diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba.

[redacted] Los Angeles to airtel results of interview of [redacted] b6  
to Phoenix so it can be included in final report b7C  
dictated Monday, 2/26/62. Phoenix will document [redacted]  
[redacted] all events.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, PHOENIX

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (161-444)

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI. RE URTEL DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY  
ONE, LAST AND PHOENIX FILE NUMBER ONE SIX ONE DASH ONE ZERO  
ONE.

██████████ U. S. NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST STATION,

CHINA LAKE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE KNOWN APPLICANT

FOUR YEARS IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CAPACITY, CONSIDERED HIM  
OF HIGHEST MORALS, CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND DOES NOT  
QUESTION HIS LOYALTY, AND STATES ASSOCIATES REPUTABLE.

ORGANIZATIONS APPLICANT BELONGS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ARE AMERICAN  
METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, A NATIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP, AND AMERICAN  
HUMANIST ASSOCIATION, TUCSON, ARIZONA CHAPTER, SPONSORED BY  
UNITARIAN CHURCH. █████ RECALLED APPLICANT POSSIBLY NAVAL  
OFFICER IN PAST, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR ANY  
GOVERNMENT POSITION. AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED BUREAU SAME DATE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON, MASS.	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 2/26/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/23/62
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD		REPORT MADE BY SA LAWRENCE G. HEALEY	TYPED BY ras
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI	

REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to Phoenix dated February 15, 1962.  
 Bureau airtel to Omaha dated February 19, 1962.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Prior investigation has been conducted concerning Appointee.  
 See case entitled, "JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, CH 3922, AEAA" and  
 report of SA WILLIAM D. CRONIN dated July 14, 1949 at Boston  
 (Boston File 116-12611).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LAWRENCE G. HEALEY  
Date: 2/26/62

Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Field Office File No.: 161-756

Bureau File No.:

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Education verified. Associate recommends. Credit and arrest records negative.

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## DETAILS:

Credit and arrest records, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed by Investigative Clerk [redacted] b6 b7C

Education

On November 23, 1962, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that according to her records, JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, born May 7, 1920 at Duluth, Minnesota, attended MIT from June, 1943 through the second term of the year 1943-1944, and in September, 1945 received an M.S. degree in Meteorology. His record contained no information reflecting unfavorably on his character, reputation or loyalty.

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Associate

On February 23 1962. [redacted]

MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he first became acquainted with JAMES MC DONALD as a student at MIT and has seen him professionally since his graduation from MIT. He advised that he was also acquainted with him socially and has visited him at his home in Tucson, Arizona and was also acquainted with his wife and family, all of whom he considered as persons of good moral character and of unquestioned loyalty. He described JAMES MC DONALD as a competent scientist, trustworthy, reliable, discreet, and recommended him favorably for a position of responsibility and trust.

Credit

On February 23, 1962, personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, which agency also covers Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised these records contained no information concerning JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

Arrest

On February 23, 1962, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised their files contained no record for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

On February 23, 1962, Sergeant [redacted] Records Bureau, Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department, advised their files contained no record for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

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URGENT

TO SAC, PHOENIX

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI, BUDED MARCH ONE PAST. RE YOUR

REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, ONE NINE

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SIX TWO. BY NOON MARCH SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX TWO SUTEL PRESENT  
ADDRESS FOR APPOINTEE'S MOTHER AND RESULTS OF APPROPRIATE  
AGENCY CHECKS CONCERNING HER.

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Paul F. Shea

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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STAR Oct 28, 1960

# Arizona Civil Liberties Union Eyes Ordinances On Loitering, Vagrancy

The Arizona Civil Liberties Union yesterday began examining vagrancy and loitering laws in Tucson to see if any constitutional rights are being violated.

One of the ACLU's objectives is a test of the constitutionality of Arizona statutes, according to Dr. Cornelius Steelink, chairman of the Arizona chapter.

The ACLU's Vagrancy Committee, headed by Tucson businessman Tom Bahl, initiated a comprehensive study

of vagrancy and loitering laws and their enforcement in Tucson.

Steelink said: "We are concerned with the issues raised Tuesday in Tucson by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who suggested there is strong evidence that current vagrancy statutes may actually restrict a man's right to free travel as well as make it a crime to be out of work or broke."

The committee plans to gather information concerning

local vagrancy and loitering arrests to determine:

1. Whether local law enforcement practice violates basic constitutional rights. 2. What are present alternatives to the issues of vagrancy and loitering. 3. An analysis of proposed changes to the community?

Members of Bahl's committee are John Denton, William Clark Kennedy, William Lawton, J. M. Malin, Mrs. Betsy MacDonald and George Poppe.

STAR MAY 24, 1961

## Mahar Heads Directorate Of ACLU

The Tucson chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has elected Michael Maher president of the board of directors.

Maher, assistant professor of Oriental studies at the University of Arizona, succeeds Dr. Cornelius Steelink, U of A assistant professor of chemistry. Steelink will continue to serve on the board as corresponding secretary.

The ACLU is a non-partisan organization devoted exclusively to defending constitutional liberties, incorporated under the Bill of Rights. Board members will attend state ACLU board meeting Saturday in Casa Grande.

Other newly elected members are Mrs. Betsy McDonald, vice president; Mr.

Byrd Schweizer, head of the secretariat.

New board members are Morton Freilich, Tom Minton, the Rev. Casper Gove, George Goldmark, Joseph Hirschman and Mrs. Jeanne Bennett.

Continuing board members are Dr. David Minter, J. M. Wright, Dr. William Lughton, Stanley Feldman and the Rev. George Whitney.

William Gordon is chair legal council on a panel of 13 Tucson attorneys.

STAR MAY 15, 1959

## Steelink To Head Southern Unit Of ACLU

Dr. Cornelius Steelink, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arizona, has been elected chairman of the southern Arizona section of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union.

Other officers elected were James Krotz, vice president, and Mrs. Betsy McDonald, secretary-treasurer.

Additional section board members include Charles Ares, Frank Berry, Marvin Kastin, Richard Y. Murray, George Poppe, C. R. Good Shires and Dr. Myron Stern.

The Arizona Civil Liberties Union is a voluntary association dedicated to maintaining the rights of free speech, press and assembly, due process of law, freedom of the law and other civil rights. Headquarters of the southern section is at 302 N. Meyer St.

## UA's Steelink Will Head ACLU

Cornelius Steelink, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arizona, was elected president of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union (southern section) at a meeting here today.

Other officers elected were James Krotz, vice president, and Mrs. Betsy McDonald, secretary-treasurer.

Three new members were elected to the board of directors and four incumbents were re-elected. New members are Dr. David L. Minter, John H. Denton and the Rev. George Whitney.

Re-elected to serve another term were Frank Berry, Charles Ares, James E. McDonald. Three other board members are in the second year of the two-year terms.

The officers will be installed at the annual banquet to be held April 4 in the UA Student Union building. Dr. Bernard C. Henney, associate professor of government at the UA, will preside.

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# AF Charged With Neglect In Selecting Missile Sites

By JOHN DUNNELL

The Air Force is placing its missile bases outside major cities, but the bases could still be a threat to civilian life, University of Air Force scientist said yesterday.

Members of American Bar in the path of prevailing winds that could be expected to carry a radioactive cloud 20 miles away at the time of nuclear tests want Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in the U.S. Institute of Aerodynamics Project, to tell.

"This is urgent," said Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in the U.S. Institute of Aerodynamics Project, told.

Air Force is changing its policies," McDonald said. "The Air Force is seriously increasing the distance of safety from radioactive fallout for nations of civilians."

The present policy of the Air Force is to set many and the far apart, giving the 11 bases already established at the site of existing air bases, McDonald said.

But this policy, however reasonable from these standpoints, does not consider the fallout problem, which is the greatest testing factor in nuclear bombs.

The millions of people in Los Angeles, for example, are down wind 20 miles from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the Pacific ocean.

And in setting another ICBM base at O'Neill, Neb., in Nebraska, a target has been chosen to drew radiation disperser which would be passed down the prevailing winds on the thousands of people in Lincoln, Omaha, Council Bluffs and Des Moines to the east.

Physicists whom he general are from West to East.

Most of the American Intercontinental ballistic missiles planned are to be placed in "pocket" sites independent of greater population centers. In order to destroy them, a hydrogen bomb would have to strike the ground within 1.1 miles.

This is what it would take to produce 10,000 pounds per square foot, McDonald said.

The reason that so many and the far apart in the policy is to 20 minutes of key target to cover some its mathematical character of missiles.

Air nuclear bomb carry their destructive effect in blast and thermal radiation. But a second important factor is to sweep the millions of tons of dirt on which the radioactive fallout would be carried back to earth.

This is another of the dangers

of high fallout rather than the comparatively slow drift of poison gases from fission products, McDonald said.

The Rand Corp. in a study for the Air Force estimates that a 10 megaton surface burst would lay an 8-mile film of contaminated dust (contaminated over 10,000 square miles with a total radius of 20 miles) wide for 200 miles downwind.

Vandenberg was originally as nuclear test site, McDonald said, but then made a site for offensive weapons to west.

"Los Alamos residents had reason of claimed the base to be converted to merely a testing site," McDonald said.

All of the 11 bases have been placed in the West. Two bases are well outside from the boundaries of Denver, Colo., and Rapid City, S.D. On the other hand, the bases of Spokane have two bases spread within fallow, non-Fairchild and Larson.

And so does Kansas City - Portion AFM is miles away and Wichita miles has 10 miles upwind. Mississippian are reported on all sides of Chicago, and "just west of the Mississippi River," said the West from the Wisconsin River to Milwaukee.

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SPUR Oct. 28, 1960

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One of the ACLU's officers, head of one of the constituent members of Arizona section, according to Dr. Cornelius Steelink, chairman of the Arizona chapter, The ACLU's Vagrancy Committee, headed by Tom Beldi, international chairman of the Art

of vagrancy and loitering laws and their enforcement in Tucson. Steelink said: "We are concerned with the laws related to Tuesday in Tucson by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who suggested there is a strong evidence that current vagrancy statutes may actually restrict a man's right to free travel as well as make it a crime to be out of work or broke."

The committee plans to submit a comprehensive study to the U.S. Congress, concurred Beldi, international chairman of the Art of vagrancy and loitering laws and their enforcement in Tucson. Members of Beldi's committee are Rev. Paul Denton, William Clark Kennedy, William Lawton, J. M. Quinn, Mrs. Walter McDonald and George Peacock.

## SPUR May 15, 1960 Steelink To Head Southern Unit Of ACLU

Dr. Cornelius Steelink, chairman

of the Southern section of the Arizona section of the American Civil Liberties Union, has been elected chairman of the Southern section of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union.

Other officers elected are James E. Hart, vice president and Mrs. Mary McDonald, secretary-treasurer.

Additional members elected are James Hart, Mrs. Charles A. Aron, Frank Barry, Marva Hart, Dr. Richard Y. Murray, George Peppas, C. R. Gerd Schles and Dr. Haynes Scott.

The Arizona Civil Liberties Union is a statewide organization dedicated to maintaining the rights of free speech, press and assembly, due process of law, equality before the law and other civil rights. Headquarters of the southern section is in Phoenix.

Meyer, R.

## SPUR May 21, 1960 Mahar Heads Directorate Of ACLU

The Tucson chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, has elected Michael Mahar, assistant professor of Oriental studies at the University of Arizona, as director.

Dr. Charles Steelink, president of the board of directors, assistant professor of chemistry, Steele will continue to serve on the board as corresponding secretary.

The ACLU is a non-partisan organization devoted exclusively to defending constitutional liberties guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

Board members will attend Saturday in Casa Grande, state ACLU board meeting.

Other Avery, secretary, Dr. Byrd, treasurer, and Rev. Newell, secretary.

New board members are Morton Freilick, Tom Beldi, the Rev. Casper Olson, George Goldmark, Jeanne Johnson and Mrs. Jeanette Stewart. Continuing board members are Dr. David Minter, C. M. Wright, Dr. William Lawton, Stanley Kolden, and Dr. Rev. George Whitney. William Gordon, legal council on a panel of 13 Tucson attorneys.

The officers will be installed at the annual banquet to be held April 4 in the UA Student Union Building. Dr. Bernard C. Honan, president professor of government

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# AF Charged With Neglect In Selecting Missile Sites

By JOHN RIDDOCK

The Air Force is selecting its missile bases without regard to lethal fallout dangers to millions of civilians, a University of Arizona scientist said today.

Millions of Americans lie in the path of prevailing winds that could be expected to carry a radioactive death 200 miles away in the event of nuclear missile war, Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in the UA Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said.

"There is no good model for the Air Force to change its policies," McDonald added. "The Air Force is needlessly increasing the risk of death from radioactive fallout for millions of civilians."

The present policy of the Air Force is to save money and time by putting the 11 intercontinental ballistic missile bases already selected at the site of existing air bases, McDonald said.

But this policy, however reasonable from these standpoints, does not consider the fallout problem—which is the greatest killing force in nuclear bombs.

The millions of people in Los Angeles, for example, are downwind 100 miles from Vandenberg AFB on the Pacific ocean.

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"Prevailing winds in general are from West to East."

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Vandenberg was originally selected as a missile training base and then made a site for offensive weapons as well.

"Los Angeles residents have good reason to demand the launchers be converted to merely very costly training aids," McDonald said.

All of the 11 bases have been placed in the West. Two have been well chosen from the fallout standpoint—Mountain Home, Idaho and Vandenberg City.

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There are 74,000 square miles of such comparatively vacant land in Arizona, 32,000 in Nevada and 20,000 in Montana.

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Mrs. JAMES McDONALD - Secretary Treasurer,  
JAMES E. McDONALD - Board Member (re-elected).

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[redacted] b7D who has furnished reliable information in the past and is familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the Tucson, Arizona area, advised on 2/23/62 that the Communist Party (CP) in Tucson had no control or influence whatever in the Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union. ~~(U)~~

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These personnel records reflect that Dr. JAMES E. McDONALD, born May 7, 1920 at Duluth, Minnesota, has been employed at the UA since 1954. Appointee had received his B.A. degree in 1942 from the University of Omaha, his Master of Science degree in 1945 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and in 1951 his Ph. D. degree from Iowa State College. In the current year, 1961-1962, Dr. JAMES E. McDONALD is a Senior Physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor of Meteorology at the UA.

[redacted] on February 20, 1962, advised he has known appointee for approximately eight years and considers him a very ethical, reputable, competent, outstanding scientist. [redacted] said the appointee was very sincere in his scientific opinions regarding radioactive fallout and he was very outspoken. [redacted] said he is very much aware of appointee's well-known differences with the U. S. Air Force over the location of the Titan missile sites which surround Tucson, Arizona. [redacted] said the appointee had criticized the Air Force for locating the missile sites to the west of the city inasmuch as the prevailing westerly wind would carry the radioactive fallout eastward over the entire city.

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[redacted] said he knew appointee had done all his research on this subject matter on his own time and now on the UA's time. Furthermore, appointee was quite ethical and never used the name or prestige of the UA even to the point of using his own stationery in all correspondence concerning the controversy.

[redacted] stated there was no question in his mind, appointee was a loyal American citizen with no sympathy whatsoever for any Communist thinking. [redacted] recommended appointee without reservation for Governmental appointment.

[redacted] UA, on February 20, 1962, advised he has known appointee for eight years, the period in which appointee taught at the UA.

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[redacted] stated that the appointee was in his college and that he considered the appointee to be a very brilliant scientist who had the respect of all his colleagues in the field. [redacted] stated the appointee is an independent type of thinker in that once he had arrived at a scientific conclusion he was very outspoken and independent in his statements. [redacted] said that there was no question of any disloyalty concerning the appointee and he would recommend appointee on the standpoint of security, patriotism and loyalty.

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[redacted] stated on February 20, 1962 that appointee is a very personable, brilliant scientist who is fearless and independent in his research and thinking. [redacted] stated the appointee might be viewed as a controversial type of scientist in that he is very outspoken in his opinions. [redacted] pointed out, however, that the appointee usually was able to back himself up from a scientific viewpoint and to defend himself very adequately. [redacted] said he had never heard of any of the appointee's critics suggest that appointee was Communist or un-American. [redacted] said the appointee had been in the U. S. Navy during World War II and that he considered appointee a good loyal American fit for appointment in Government service.

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[redacted] UA, advised February 20, 1962, that he has known appointee since September of 1946. He stated they were students together at Iowa State University and graduated in the same year. [redacted] said he is a professional associate and personal friend of the appointee. He stated that the appointee is a conscientious outspoken, sincere scientist and that everything he does is prompted by patriotism and never from the fact of purely being controversial. [redacted] said he knew appointee had many critics in his controversy in 1959 with the U. S. Air Force over the location of Titan missile sites, but [redacted] said that in his opinion, the appointee had been vindicated. [redacted] said that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of Defense had written Dr. McDONALD a letter in which he said that there had been "no substantial errors in Dr. McDONALD's findings". [redacted] said the appointee had never urged there should be no Titan missile sites surrounding Tucson, but merely that the Titan missile sites should be properly located. [redacted] said the appointee and [redacted] are not pacifists but are interested in peace. He said he knew [redacted] had been interested in the Peace March of the Fellowship of Reconciliation which was held in Tucson in December, 1960. [redacted] recalled that the Peace March had been a demonstration in which individuals marched from downtown Tucson to the gates of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base carrying placards in support of peace. However, [redacted] stated [redacted] had been opposed to the civil disobedience demonstrations

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wherein demonstrators trespassed and sat down on the property of the U. S. Air Force. [redacted] stated that in his mind there was no question as to the Americanism and loyalty of the appointee and [redacted]

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With regard to the reference by [redacted] to the Peace March of December, 1960, the Arizona Republic of December 6, 1960 carried a news item indicating that approximately 60 individuals of two sponsoring groups marched from downtown Tucson to the gates of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The sponsoring groups were named Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Pima Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The marchers were carrying signs urging peace.

With regard to the civil disobedience referred to by [redacted] the Tucson Daily Citizen of January 19, 1961 carried a news item reflecting a member of the Committee for Non-Violent Action, JERRY WHEELER, 26 years old of Berkeley, California, was jailed January 18, 1961 for attempting the unauthorized entry of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The young demonstrator had been taken into custody by the Davis-Monthan Air Police when he tried to enter the base.

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REFERENCE:

[redacted] at the UA, on [redacted] February 26, 1962 was interviewed at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California. [redacted] a reference, advised he has known appointee four years due to mutual employment and as social friends. [redacted] considered the appointee to be of the highest morals, character and reputation. [redacted] has no question as to appointee's loyalty or reputation. [redacted] recalled appointee as a Naval officer in the past and recommended him highly for Governmental position. [redacted]

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With regard to reference [redacted] the following information was received from T-1 in May, 1961: C

[redacted] and [redacted] signed a petition for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York. This petition was addressed to President JOHN F. KENNEDY as follows: C

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"We urge that you reverse the State Department policy of hostility towards Cuba. We urge that normal diplomatic and trade relations be restored, that the ban on travel to Cuba be lifted and that the Cuban people be permitted to determine their own destiny without reference from any outside source."

The 1960 Tucson City Directory lists [redacted]  
(UA Professor), [redacted] as residing at [redacted]

[redacted] AZ. SIGNED PETITION FOR FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE  
U. S. Postal Service, b6  
U. S. Post Office, Tucson, on February 26, 1962 advised that b7C  
the address of [redacted] is identical  
and the same address as [redacted]

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC):

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times."

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent

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FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC. (U)

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC. (U)

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

NEIGHBORHOOD:

[redacted] on February 22, 1962, advised that he has known the appointee and [redacted] since 1954. [redacted] as well as a friend in the neighborhood of the appointee's family. [redacted] stated appointee is not a pacifist and that he has been much maligned because of his controversy with the U. S. Air Force. [redacted] stated the appointee is a very fine family man, devoted to his children, and interested in all community projects. [redacted] is very active in the League of Women Voters and the organization known as the Property Owners Protective Association. [redacted] stated he had no hesitancy in recommending appointee and [redacted] as being well liked American people in the neighborhood and [redacted] considered appointee as an excellently qualified person for service in any capacity on behalf of the Government. (b6 b7C)

[redacted] advised February 21, 1962, that she had been a neighbor of the appointee and [redacted] since 1954. She stated the appointee lives at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, with [redacted] and six small children. She stated they are a fine family and that she was very proud to have her children play with the McDONALD children. [redacted] stated the appointee had an excellent reputation in the neighborhood and that in her opinion he was a trustworthy, patriotic American fit for Governmental appointment. (b6 b7C)

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advised on February 21, 1962 that she has known appointee for approximately three and one-half years. She stated she allows the McDONALD family to swim in her pool at any time and she considers them fine and sincere American people. She stated that [redacted] is an alert, smart American housewife who is interested in all humanity projects. [redacted] recommended the appointee and [redacted] in every respect and stated Dr. McDONALD would prove an excellent appointee.

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b7CMISCELLANEOUS:

In connection with the publicity received by the appointee concerning the proper location of the Titan missile sites surrounding Tucson, Arizona, the Arizona Daily Star of November 6, 1959 carried a news item relating to the criticism of appointee of the location of the ICBM installations. The articles were captioned "Challenge is Based on Solid Background" and "Downwind Radiation in Attack is Feared". The Arizona Daily Star of November 7, 1959 carries a news article captioned "ICBM Location Method Upheld by Air Force", "McDonald Blasts AF Statement, UA Savant Declares Reply 'Incredible'". The Daily Citizen of November 6, 1959 carried a news item concerning the appointee captioned "AF Charged With Neglect in Selecting Missile Sites".

The Arizona Daily Star of November 19, 1961, carries an article concerning the appointee captioned "McDonald's Report is Sustained". The article cites a letter received from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense as stating "no important technical errors" in McDONALD's presentation on the civil defense hazards at missile base cities.

INFORMANTS:

Phoenix Confidential Informants familiar with phases of Communist activities in the Tucson area advised February 23, 1962 that the appointee and his wife are not known to them to be connected or affiliated with the CP or Communist front organizations in Tucson.

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CREDIT:

[redacted] of the Tucson Merchants Credit Bureau stated on February 26, 1962 that JAMES EDWARD McDONALD, a professor at the UA, residing at 3461 East Third Street, had a satisfactory credit rating at the Tucson Merchants Credit Bureau.

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IDENTIFICATION:

[redacted] of the Records Section, Tucson Police Department, advised on February 26, 1962 that there was no identification record at the Tucson Police Department identifiable with appointee JAMES EDWARD McDONALD or [redacted]

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[redacted] of the Identification Bureau, Pima County Sheriff's Office, stated on February 26, 1962 that there was no identification record at the Pima County Sheriff's Office identifiable with appointee JAMES EDWARD McDONALD or [redacted]

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Phoenix, Arizona

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**Title** JAMES EDWARD McDONALD

Reference Report of Special Agent  
[redacted] at Phoenix  
Arizona dated February 3

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtel 2/15/62.  
 Report of SA [redacted] at Omaha dated b6  
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Report of: SA THOMAS W. CARROLL      Office: Omaha, Nebraska  
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Title:

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD was born 5/7/20, Duluth, Minnesota. He attended Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, Iowa, from January, 1946, to March, 1950, and from January, 1951 to 8/31/51, at which time he was conferred with a Ph.D. degree. He was employed as an instructor at ISU, Ames, from 1/1/46 to 4/40/53, and was considered satisfactory. Associates recommend favorably. Credit and criminal negative for MC DONALD and [redacted] at Ames.

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and [redacted], both of Omaha, Nebraska, and references of JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, knew MC DONALD well for several years prior to 1942, when MC DONALD moved out of Omaha. These references recommended MC DONALD highly for a position of trust with the U. S. Government. They knew of no unfavorable information regarding MC DONALD, or any of his relatives. An applicant-type investigation was conducted in Omaha, Nebraska, and Ames, Iowa, in 1949, regarding MC DONALD. That investigation verified his education and former employments in those two cities. His references at that time were interviewed and neighborhood investigations were conducted. All information favorable. In 1949, MC DONALD had no credit rating in Omaha and had a very good credit rating in Ames, Iowa. He had no arrest record at the police departments in those two cities.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR.:

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BIRTH

On February 20, 1962, [redacted] Regis-  
trant's Office, Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, Iowa, ad-  
vised her records show JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD was born May 7,  
1940, at Duluth, Minnesota. [redacted] is listed as [redacted]  
[redacted]

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EDUCATION

On February 20, 1962, [redacted] Mentioned above,  
advised MC DONALD entered graduate school at ISU in January, b6  
1946. His major course of study was Physics, and he attended b7C  
through March, 1950. He re-entered the University Graduate  
School in January, 1951, and was conferred with a Ph.D. Degree  
on August 31, 1951. He was considered a satisfactory student.

On February 20, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] Student Affairs Office, ISU, Ames, Iowa, advised his  
records contain no information concerning MC DONALD.

Other persons interviewed concerning MC DONALD and  
his attendance at ISU are set forth under the heading of  
employment.

EMPLOYMENT

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On February 20, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] ISU, Ames, Iowa, advised her records  
show MC DONALD was employed as an instructor in the Physics  
Department at this University from January 1, 1946, to April 30,  
1953. He obtained a leave of absence on May 1, 1953, to do  
cloud research at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.  
He submitted his resignation on March 1, 1954, stating he had  
decided to accept other employment. [redacted] stated  
MC DONALD's employment at this University was considered  
satisfactory.

On February 20, 1962, [redacted]

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[redacted] Physics Department, ISU, Ames, Iowa, ad-  
vised they were well acquainted with MC DONALD. They all  
stated they were fellow staff members with MC DONALD during  
his employment at this University during the years 1946 to  
1953; and also were acquainted with applicant's attendance

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at the graduate school of the university. They stated that MC DONALD was a graduate student during the first few years of his employment in this department. They all stated that he was a very competent physicist and has done extensive studies in the field of clouds and winds. [redacted]

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stated that he had endeavored to interest MC DONALD in a position on his staff recently; however, MC DONALD was not interested in returning to ISU. They all stated that they considered MC DONALD to be of excellent character, associates, a completely loyal American and once when [redacted] they would highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government.

CREDIT

On February 20, 1962, [redacted]  
Story County Credit Bureau, Ames, Iowa, advised her files contain no credit information concerning MC DONALD or [redacted]  
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CRIMINAL

On February 20, 1962, Chief of Police [redacted]  
Ames, Iowa, Police Department, and Office Deputy [redacted]  
[redacted] Story County Sheriff's Office, Nevada, Iowa, advised their respective files contain no arrest record for MC DONALD or [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS W. CARROLL:

REFERENCES

On February 23, 1962, [redacted]  
was interviewed. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
advised that in 1935 his family moved into the same neighborhood in Omaha where JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD resided. [redacted]  
stated he and MC DONALD were good friends during their upper years in high school. [redacted] and MC DONALD [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that in 1942 MC DONALD left Omaha to serve in the U. S. Navy and has never resided in Omaha

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since that time, [redacted] stated that in 1942-1943, he and MC DONALD saw each other on occasion, when they were both in the U. S. Navy. [redacted] stated the last time that he personally saw MC DONALD was in 1947. He advised that they have corresponded about once a year since 1947.

[redacted] stated he has met [redacted]. He stated that he knew MC DONALD's mother and [redacted] when the MC DONALD family lived in Omaha over twenty years ago.

[redacted] advised that he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature regarding MC DONALD or any of the latter's relatives. He described the MC DONALD family as very fine people. [redacted] described MC DONALD as a most intelligent individual who was very well balanced. [redacted] stated MC DONALD was honest, sober, reliable and loyal to the United States. He advised that MC DONALD had good habits, morals and associates. He stated that MC DONALD had a very good character and reputation.

On February 23, 1962, [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] advised that he and MC DONALD grew up in the same neighborhood in Omaha. They were friends while [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has known JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD for thirty-five years.

He advised that MC DONALD left Omaha in 1942 and has never lived here since that time. He stated that he and MC DONALD usually see each other briefly every two years or so and that they correspond occasionally. He advised that they have had very limited contact with each other since 1942.

[redacted] stated MC DONALD came from a very fine family. He advised that he met [redacted] in 1947. He stated she has a Masters Degree. He stated he knew of no unfavorable information regarding MC DONALD or any of the latter's relatives.

[redacted] described MC DONALD as an intelligent person of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. He stated MC DONALD was sincere, honest, energetic and studious.

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He advised that MC DONALD was of very good character, reputation, habits and morals. He stated MC DONALD had good associates. He recommended MC DONALD for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

On June 29 and 30, 1949, an applicant-type investigation was conducted regarding JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD in Omaha, Nebraska, and Ames, Iowa, by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

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The results of that investigation were as follows:

BIRTH

Records of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, reflect MC DONALD was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota.

EDUCATION

Records of the Registrar, Municipal University of Omaha, Nebraska, reveal the applicant attended that school from September, 1938, to January, 1942, when he withdrew to enter military service. He received a B.A. Degree in October, 1944, apparently having secured additional credits while in the armed services. His scholastic record was excellent and nothing derogatory as to his character or reputation for loyalty was noted in the files.

[redacted] College of Arts and Sciences, b6  
Municipal University of Omaha, verified MC DONALD's attendance at that school and advised that he had taught MC DONALD, b7C had supervised MC DONALD's work, and had maintained social contacts with MC DONALD. He states that he considers MC DONALD an exceptional individual, both as to ability and character. He states that he recommends MC DONALD for a position of trust with no reservation, whatsoever, and believes MC DONALD to be thoroughly loyal to this country.

Records of the Registrar's Office, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, reflect that MC DONALD had been attending Graduate School there from December, 1946, to the present. He has maintained a high academic average and nothing of a derogatory nature is shown in the records.

[redacted] advised that he has been b6  
acquainted with MC DONALD since he has been at the university b7C

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and considers him to be a man of high character, excellent associates, that MC DONALD's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned and recommended him highly for a position of trust.

NEIGHBORHOOD

[REDACTED] Pammel Court Office, and [REDACTED] both advised that MC DONALD has an excellent reputation in the vicinity. They stated that he is a man of high morals and character, a loyal and patriotic citizen, and they recommended him highly for a position of trust.

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[REDACTED] advised that MC DONALD and his parents had resided at 2122 South 35th Street, for many years and that he knew them well. He advised that MC DONALD's father was in the ice cream business for many years and possessed a good business and personal reputation. MC DONALD was described as a most industrious boy who possessed a good neighborhood reputation, associated with only the highest type young men in the community, and was, in [REDACTED] opinion, a loyal citizen. He stated that MC DONALD entered the armed services in 1942 and that he has seen little of him since that date. He added, however, that he has never heard anything to cause him to change his opinion of MC DONALD.

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EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] mentioned above, also verified MC DONALD's employment as a departmental assistant in the Psychology Department of the university during the school years from the fall of 1939 until January, 1942. He states MC DONALD performed his work in a highly satisfactory manner and that he knows nothing in any way derogatory to MC DONALD.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] The Harding Company, 802 Harney Street, Omaha, both verified MC DONALD's employment by this company as a shipping clerk during the summers of 1939, 1940 and 1941. Both state that MC DONALD appeared to possess a sound character, that he associated with a good class of people,

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that he was most industrious and ambitious, and they consider him to be loyal to this country.

[redacted] advised that MC DONALD has been b6  
employed at Iowa State College, Ames, as a part time instructor b7C  
while attending classes since he entered the college in December, 1946. He stated that MC DONALD is a loyal and patriotic citizen of unusually high character and an unblemished reputation. He stated MC DONALD can be trusted to the upmost and considers him to be an ideal man to be employed in the position of trust.

REFERENCES

Professor [redacted] and Professor [redacted] Ames, both stated that MC DONALD has an excellent reputation, his character and associates are above reproach, he is a loyal and patriotic citizen and recommended him highly for a position of trust.

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CREDIT

MC DONALD has a very good credit rating at the various Ames banks.

Special Employee [redacted] ascertained that b6  
MC DONALD possesses no credit record with the Associated b7C  
Retail Credit Bureau in Omaha.

CRIMINAL

The files of the Ames Police Department reflect no arrest record for MC DONALD.

Special Employee [redacted] also determined through [redacted] Omaha Police Department, b7C  
that MC DONALD has no criminal record in Omaha.

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Title:

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Residences of [redacted] and [redacted] established.  
Arrest records negative and credit records satisfactory for  
said [redacted]

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On February 27, 1962, [redacted]  
 [redacted] advised that the [redacted] have lived  
 at [redacted] for about the last two or three years, but are  
 expected to move to New York or Denver on or about March 1.  
 1962. due to a possible business transfer of [redacted]  
 [redacted] considers the [redacted] to be fine, respectable neighbors. [redacted] had  
 mentioned to [redacted] that [redacted] has a brother working  
 in some job of a secret or security nature. [redacted] knows  
 of no derogatory information concerning the [redacted] and knows of  
 no reason to question their character, associates, reputation or  
 loyalty. [redacted] noted that prior to living at [redacted]  
 [redacted] had lived at [redacted] for about one year.

On February 27, 1962. [redacted]  
 advised the following: The [redacted] first names not known,  
 lived at [redacted] for about a year and then moved to [redacted]  
 they have lived at the latter address for about  
 three years. [redacted] and is believed

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to be moving to Denver around March 1, 1962, on a business transfer. Based on his limited acquaintanceship with the [redacted] knows of no derogatory information concerning them and has no reason to question their character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

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On February 27, 1962, [redacted] advised that he has known the [redacted] of [redacted] for about two years and knows that they have lived at that address for about three years. [redacted] contact with the [redacted] has been very limited. He knows of no reason to [redacted] question their character, associates, reputation or loyalty [redacted] and knows of no derogatory information concerning them.

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On February 27, 1962, [redacted] Rutan, was contacted with negative [redacted]

#### CREDIT & ARREST

The following individuals advised that a review of files of their respective unit was negative as to a [redacted] or a [redacted]

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Wichita Police Department.  
Sedgewick County Sheriff's  
Office. [redacted]

Credit Bureau of Wichita [redacted] advised that records of her bureau indicate that a [redacted] lives at [redacted] and both she [redacted] and her husband have maintained satisfactory credit ratings since 1950. Supervisor [redacted] also noted that [redacted] NEBRASKA

that the [redacted] and that the [redacted] have prior [redacted] addresses of Arkansas City, Kansas, Lincoln, Nebraska, and [redacted] Columbus, Nebraska. [redacted] found nothing of a derogatory nature in the [redacted] file. [redacted]

On February 23, 1962, a check of Wichita City Directory for 1961 revealed only one [redacted] and address were listed [redacted]

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1569) -P-  
JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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ReBuairtel 2/15/62.

Navy Officer Service Record under Navy Serial Number (NSN) 270531 reflects prior enlisted service for appointee from 1/25/42 to 7/28/43 under NSN 648-14-28 and record located at St. Louis.

St. Louis check FRC.

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JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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Re your report of SA Leo I. Prosise dated 2-28-62.  
Immediately advise status.

Note: Referenced WFO report advised Internal Revenue Service,  
[redacted] and Passport Office (State) checks  
were outstanding.

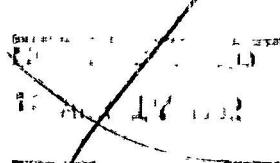
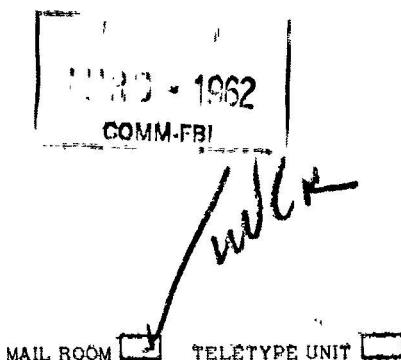
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated 2/15/62.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the results of check of records of  
IRS,  State Passport and State Department conference  
files when received.

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Report of: **LEO I. PROSISE:dfw:mb** Office: **Washington, D. C.**  
Date: **2/28/62**

Field Office File No.: 161-1569 Bureau File No.:

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

**Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY**

Synopsis: White House file reviewed. Navy Officer Service record set forth. ONI investigation in 1942 reflected no identifiable derogatory information. No record CSC or HCUA.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On February 26, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] The White House Office, advised SA GEORGE E.  
SAUNDERS the appointee has not entered on duty. A review  
of the appointee's file reflected no additional pertinent  
information.

On February 26, 1962, IC [redacted] reviewed the Office of Naval Intelligence file on JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD which reflected his date of birth as May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota.

On January 22, 1942, the Office of Naval Intelligence was requested to conduct a background investigation of the appointee who was being considered by the Chief of Naval Operations for confidential work. The investigation developed no identifiable derogatory information.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

On February 26, 1962, IC [redacted] reviewed the Navy Officer Service record of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD, Serial Number 270531, which reflected he was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota. He was appointed a Midshipman, United States Naval Reserve, on June 26, 1943, for training at United States Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Notre Dame, Indiana. On July 29, 1943, he accepted a commission as an Ensign, United States Naval Reserve and entered on active duty the same date. He was released from active duty as a Lieutenant (JG) on December 22, 1945. He was called to active duty for 14 days training in 1950. On June 8, 1954, his resignation was accepted by the Secretary of the Navy and he was discharged as a Lieutenant (JG) on that date.

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According to the record the appointee had prior enlistment service from January 25, 1942, to July 28, 1943, under Navy Serial Number 648-14-28.

This record is now located at the Federal Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri. The appointee's efficiency ratings were favorable and no additional pertinent information appeared in the file.

On February 23, 1962, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the records of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, which reflected no record for the appointee.

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On February 20, 1962, IC [redacted] reviewed the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and determined that they contained no information concerning the appointee.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>2/28/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/23/62 - 2/26/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT E. PRINGLE</b>	TYPED BY <b>JVR</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Phoenix, dated 2/16/62.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT E. PRINGLE  
Date: 2/28/62

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 161-598

Bureau File No.:

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment, University of Chicago, verified. No credit or arrest record located for appointee.

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DETAILS:

Employment

University of Chicago  
5801 South Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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On February 23, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] Comptroller's Office, advised from records  
that JAMES E. MC DONALD, born May 7, 1920, at Duluth,  
Minnesota, was appointed a physicist, Air Force Special  
Research Project, beginning April 9, 1953. He was also  
listed as [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the record indicates  
that MC DONALD resigned this position with his last  
day of service being March 31, 1954. She advised that  
he, at that time, advised that he was accepting a  
position at the University of Arizona, Institute of  
Atmospheric Physics.

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On February 26, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] to the Dean of Students, Division  
of Physical Sciences, advised that [redacted]  
would be the only person she could suggest who might  
recall the appointee.

On February 26, 1962, [redacted]  
Cloud Physics Laboratory, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] is currently out of the city and his date  
of return is unknown. She stated that she could  
suggest no one further at the University of Chicago  
who would have personal knowledge of the appointee.

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Credit and Arrest

On February 26, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised  
Investigative Clerk [redacted] that her records  
contained no information regarding JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

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On February 26, 1962, the files of the Bureau  
of Records and Communications, Chicago, Illinois, Police  
Department were reviewed by Investigative Clerk  
[redacted] with no record being located for JAMES EDWARD  
MC DONALD.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-958) P  
RE: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
SPI  
BUDED: 3-1-62

REINFOAIRTEL to SL, 2-27-62.

St. Louis verifying U. S. Navy enlisted service, active and inactive, 1-25-42 to 7-28-43, at which time enlistment terminated to accept a commission. USN enlisted record reflects MC DONALD attended U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School, Notre Dame University, Ind., 6-8-43 to 7-28-43.

For information INDIANAPOLIS, MC DONALD's enlisted SN was reflected as 648 1428 and Officer's SN as 270 531. DOB 5-7-20, Duluth, Minn.

INDIANAPOLIS conduct appropriate investigation.

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## REFERENCE:

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Field Office File No.: SL: 161-958 Bureau File No.:

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: MC DONALD served in USN, 2-3-42 to 7-28-43. Enlistment terminated to accept commission.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on March 1, 1962, of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SN 648 14 28, indicated he enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserves, January 25, 1942, and entered on active duty February 3, 1942, at Omaha, Nebraska. His enlistment terminated July 28, 1943, as a Seaman Apprentice at Notre Dame University, Indiana, by reason of his acceptance of a commission. The record indicated he was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves, Midshipman School, Notre Dame University, from June 8, 1943 to July 28, 1943. His military occupation was shown as Yeoman and civilian occupation was not shown. He had foreign service in Hawaii, but was awarded no medals, citations, or decorations. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The date and place of birth were shown as May 7, 1920, Duluth, Minnesota.

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Date: 3/5/62

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 JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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Re report of SA

3/1/62 at WFO.

On 3/1/62

Personnel Operations Division, Department of State, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER she could locate no record indicating the appointee had attended any international conferences as a member of the official United States Delegation. She mentioned it was possible he had attended such conferences in a private or unofficial capacity, in which case there would be no record in her office.

CIA check still outstanding.

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To: SAC, Indianapolis (161-288)

From: Director, FBI 161-1891-15

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

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Buded: 3-1-62

Re Indianapolis teletype 3-5-62.

Surep without further delay.

Note: Indianapolis teletype 3-5-62 advised report follows.

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URGENT 3-5-62 6-55 PM EST RJS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS 161-288 1P

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI. RE ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS

MARCH ONE LAST. [REDACTED] OFFICE OF ACADEMIC

AFFAIRS, NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, IND., ADVISED

SA HAYES S. KING ON MARCH FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCATE

NO RECORD OF APPLICANT-S ATTENDANCE AT NOTRE DAME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEAN OF STUDENTS, NOTRE DAME, ADVISED MARCH  
FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD OF ANY  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAVING BEEN TAKEN AGAINST APPLICANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESOUTH BEND PD, ADVISED MARCH FIVE  
INSTANT, SHE COULD LOCATE NO ARREST RECORD FOR APPLICANT.

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF SOUTH BEND, INC.,  
ADVISED MARCH FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCAT NO CREDIT RECORD  
FOR THE APPLICANT. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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11-02 AM MST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, PHOENIX 161-107

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI, BUDED MARCH ONE PAST. REBUTEL  
YESTERDAY. ON MARCH SEVEN, INSTANT.

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[REDACTED] MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
THREE EIGHT ZERO NINE E. THIRD ST., TUCSON, CONTACTED BY SA  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MOTHER OF  
APPOINTEE AND SHE IS ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH. HE STATED  
BELIEVED APPOINTEE-S MOTHER-S NAME IS HILVA MC DONALD AND  
STATED SHE LIVES WITH APPOINTEE IN SPECIAL APARTMENT WHICH  
APPOINTEE HAD ADDED TO HIS HOUSE. STATED THAT MRS. MC DONALD-S  
ADDRESS IS SAME AS THAT OF APPOINTEE, THREE FOUR SIX ONE E.  
THIRD ST., TUCSON. CITY DIRECTORY OF TUCSON INDICATES MRS.  
HILVA MC DONALD RESIDES THREE FOUR SIX ONE E. THIRD ST., TUCSON.  
RECORDS OF TUCSON MERCHANTS CREDIT BUREAU CHECKED BY SA ALBERT  
MARCH SEVEN AND SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING LOCATED OF MRS.

HILDA MC DONALD, THREE FOUR SIX ONE E. THIRD ST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECORD SECTION, TUCSON PD, ADVISED SA ALBERT TODAY <sup>13 APR 17 1962</sup> THERE IS NO IDENT RECORD AT TUCSON PD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE-S  
MOTHER. [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, PIMA COUNTY

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SO, STATED TODAY THERE IS NO IDENT RECORD AT PIMA COUNTY SO IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE-S MOTHER. RUC.

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To: SAC, Washington Field (161-1569)  
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JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
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Report of:	HAYES S. KING	Office: INDIANAPOLIS
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Field Office File No.:	IP 161-218	Bureau File No.:
Title:	JAMES EDWARD McDONALD	

**Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY**

### Synopsis:

No record located of attendance of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. No credit or arrest record located for McDONALD at South Bend.

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**DETAILS:**

AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

## EDUCATION

U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School,  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana,  
June 8, 1943 - July 28, 1943

It will be noted that the U.S. Navy enlisted service record of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD notes that he attended U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, June 8, 1943 to July 28, 1943.

IP 161-218

[redacted] Office of Academic Affairs, University of Notre Dame, advised on March 5, 1962 that she could locate no record of the attendance of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD at the University of Notre Dame.

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[redacted] Office of Dean of Students, University of Notre Dame, advised on March 5, 1962 that she could locate no record of any disciplinary action having been taken against JAMES EDWARD McDONALD while a student at the University of Notre Dame.

CREDIT AND ARREST RECORD

[redacted] Credit Bureau of South Bend, Ind., advised on March 5, 1962 that she was unable to locate any credit record for JAMES EDWARD McDONALD.

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[redacted] Records Room, South Bend Police Department, advised on March 5, 1962 that she was unable to locate any arrest record for JAMES EDWARD McDONALD.

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Date: 3/12/62

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Via AIR TELAIR MAIL

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (161-718)

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
 SPI

BUDED: 3/1/62

Re IP tel 3/5/62 and Buairtel 3/9/62.

IP report of SA HAYES S. KING dated 3/8/62 submitted  
 that date.

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Approved: A. H. 2/25 Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

March 12, 1962

~~JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD~~

SUMMARY

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I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Dr. McDonald was born on May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota.

Education

3461 EAST THIRD ST, TUCSON, ARIZ.

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Dr. McDonald attended Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, from January, 1946, to March, 1950, and from January, 1951, to August, 1951. He received a Ph.D. degree on August 31, 1951.

Employment

Summers, 1939, 1940  
and 1941

The Harding Company,  
Omaha, Nebraska, as  
a shipping clerk.

Fall, 1939, to  
January, 1942

Municipal University of Omaha,  
Omaha, Nebraska, as  
a departmental assistant.

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Employment

Summers, 1939, 1940  
and 1941

The Harding Company,  
Omaha, Nebraska, as  
a shipping clerk.

Fall, 1939, to  
January, 1942

Municipal University of Omaha,  
Omaha, Nebraska, as  
a departmental assistant.

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December, 1946, to  
April, 1953

Iowa State University  
of Science and Technology,  
Ames, Iowa, as an instructor.

April, 1953, to  
March, 1954

University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois, as a  
physicist.

April, 1954, to  
Present

University of Arizona,  
Tucson, Arizona, as  
Senior Physicist and  
Professor.

#### Military Service

He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve January 25, 1942, and entered on active duty in the United States Navy February 3, 1942. His enlistment terminated July 28, 1943. On July 29, 1943, he accepted a commission as ensign, United States Naval Reserve and entered on active duty. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant (junior grade) on December 22, 1945. He was called to active duty for fourteen days' training in 1950. On June 8, 1954, he was honorably discharged as a lieutenant (junior grade). His service record is clear.

#### Marital Status

Dr. McDonald is married to the former [redacted]  
who resides with him and their minor children, [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] at 3461 East Third Street,  
Tucson, Arizona.

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#### II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

##### Interviews

[redacted] University of Arizona,  
Tucson, Arizona, advised during the current inquiries that he  
has known Dr. McDonald for approximately eight years and con-  
siders him to be a very ethical, reputable, competent,  
outstanding scientist. He said that Dr. McDonald is very  
sincere in his scientific opinions regarding radioactive

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fallout and that he has been very outspoken in this regard. [redacted] stated he is very much aware of Dr. McDonald's differences with the Department of the Air Force over the location of the Titan missile site which surrounds Tucson, Arizona. He related that in November, 1959, Dr. McDonald criticized the Department of the Air Force for locating missile sites to the west of the city inasmuch as the prevailing westerly wind would carry the radioactive fallout eastward over the city. He stated that Dr. McDonald was quite ethical concerning this controversy which received considerable publicity in the newspapers in Tucson, Arizona. He stated Dr. McDonald is a person of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted]  
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1946 when they were both students at Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa. He stated that they are professional associates and personal friends. He said that Dr. McDonald is a competent, outspoken, sincere scientist who is motivated by patriotism. He stated that Dr. and Mrs. McDonald are not pacifists but that they are interested in peace.

[redacted] advised that there is no question in his mind concerning the character, reputation, loyalty and associates of Dr. McDonald and [redacted] He recommended Dr. McDonald for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted]  
Omaha, Nebraska, advised during the current inquiries that he and Dr. McDonald grew up in the same neighborhood in Omaha, Nebraska. He stated they attended the same grade school, high school and college. He added that their contacts have been limited since 1942 but that they correspond occasionally. He stated that Dr. McDonald is an intelligent, energetic, studious person and has a very fine family background. He commented favorably concerning Dr. McDonald's character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

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[redacted] Thornton Insurance Company, Omaha, Nebraska, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1935. He said they were neighbors and good friends during their upper years in high school. He added that they attended the Municipal University of Omaha at the same time. He advised that they have corresponded about once a year since 1947. Mr. Thornton stated he has met [redacted] and that he was acquainted with his mother and [redacted]. He described the McDonald family as very fine people. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a most intelligent, well-balanced person of excellent habits. He stated that Dr. McDonald is of good character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him for a position of trust.

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[redacted] Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, advised during the current inquiries that he was a fellow staff member with Dr. McDonald during his employment at this school from 1946 to 1953. He added that he was also acquainted with him during Dr. McDonald's attendance at this graduate school. He added that Dr. McDonald is a very competent physicist and that he has done extensive studies in the field of clouds and winds. He pointed out that he had endeavored to interest Dr. McDonald in a position on his staff recently. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a person of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] United States Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald professionally and socially for four years. He stated Dr. McDonald belongs to the American Meteorological Society and the American Humanist Association, Tucson, Arizona. He said that Dr. McDonald is of the highest loyalty, character, reputation and associates. He advised that Dr. McDonald has never given him any reason to question his loyalty to the United States. He highly recommended him for any position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1943. He said that he has seen him professionally and socially since

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his graduation from this school. He stated he has visited at his home in Tucson, Arizona, and is acquainted with [redacted] and family. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a competent scientist, trustworthy and reliable. He stated that Dr. McDonald and [redacted] [redacted] are loyal citizens of good character, reputation and associates. He recommended Dr. McDonald for a position of trust and confidence.

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Nineteen other persons, including social acquaintances, professional associates and neighbors, were interviewed and stated that Dr. McDonald is a loyal citizen, whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. Those who know him well recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Close Relatives

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Dr. McDonald's father, James P. McDonald, is deceased. His mother, Hilve C. McDonald, resides in Tucson, Arizona. [redacted]

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies and credit reporting agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald or his close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald:

House Committee on Un-American Activities;  
Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil  
Service Commission; and the Office of Naval  
Intelligence.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald.

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Born: May 7, 1920  
Duluth, Minnesota

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Applicant-type investigations concerning the subject of your inquiry were conducted by this Bureau in 1949 and in 1962, and the results summarized in a memorandum furnished to the White House. These investigations developed no pertinent derogatory information concerning the captioned individual and at the request of the White House, you are referred to the office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention Mrs. Mildred Stegall should you desire the detailed results of these investigations.

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An applicant-type investigation by the FBI concluded

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Refer to Mildred Stegall of

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